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SUBJECT: POST STAGG VIOLENCE DIMINISHES

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1. TWO LARGE STORES BOMBED OUT DOWNTOWN BELFAST FEB. 17.
PROVISIONAL IRA HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE AND
FOR FOUR-BOMB ATTACK ON BELFAST MAIN POST OFFICE PARCEL
SORTING DEPOT FEB. 16. THERE FEW OTHER INCIDENTS REPORTED AND
SO FAR AS KNOWN THERE NO MOB-TYPE ACTION IN PAST 24 HOURS.
SPORADIC HIJACKING AND BURNING OF VEHICLES CONTINUES.

2. PROTESTANT PARAMILITARIES, LARGELY QUESCENT DURING
RECENT VIOLENCE, APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MACHINE
GUNNING OF CATHOLIC PUB IN CLAUDY COUNTY LONDONDERRY NIGHT
FEB. 18. ONE MAN KILLED TWO WOUNDED. SHOOTING BELIEVED
RETALIATION FOR KILLING RUC RESERVE CONSTABLE LAST WEEK
(REFTEL B). KILLERS THREE WOMEN (REFTEL A) MAY WELL BE
MEMBERS PROTESTANT PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION BUT THAT ACTION
SEEMS TO HAVE STARTED AS DRUNKEN ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY. CONGEN
INFORMED THAT IRISH VOLUNTEER FORCE (REFTEL A) HAS CLAIMED
RESPONSIBILITY FOR MASSACRE PROTESTANTS AT WHITECROSS JANUARY
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